

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

1. **Committees Official Designation:** National Geospatial Advisory Committee (The Committee)
2. **Authority:** This charter establishes the National Geospatial Advisory under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the provision of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. It has been determined that the Committee is in the public interest in connection with the duties of the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) and the requirements of OMB Circular A-16.
3. **Objectives and Scope of Activities:** The Committee through the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) will provide advice and recommendations related to management of Federal and national geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-16 and Executive Order 12906. The Committee will review and comment upon geospatial policy and management issues and will provide a forum to convey views representative of non-Federal stakeholders in the geospatial community.
4. **Description of Duties:** The duties of the Committee are solely advisory and are stated in the Objectives and Scope above.
5. **Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports:** The Committee provides counsel and advice to the Secretary through the DFO.
6. **Support:** Administrative support and funding for activities of the Committee will be provided by the U.S. Geological Survey.
7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years:** The estimated annual operating costs associated with supporting the Committee are approximately \$384,000 plus 2.0 FTE work years of support.
8. **Designated Federal Official:** The Committee reports to the Secretary through the full-time or permanent part-time employee, appointed in accordance with agency procedures as the DFO. The DFO to whom the Committee reports is the Executive Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee. The DFO or the alternate DFO will approve or call all of the Committee and subcommittee meetings, prepare and approval all meeting agendas, attend all Committee and subcommittee meetings, and adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official whom the advisory committee reports.

9. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:** The Committee will meet approximately one to four times annually at the request of the FGDC Chair. Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments.
10. **Duration:** Although the charter is current for only 2 years, the period of time necessary for the Committee to carry out its purpose is continuing.
11. **Termination:** The Committee is subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix, and shall take no action unless the charter filing requirements of section 9 of FACA have been complied with. The Committee is subject to biennial review and will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless, prior to that time, the charter is renewed in accordance with Section 14(b) of FACA.
12. **Membership and Designation:** The Committee will be comprised of up to 30 Representatives or special government employees, who will be selected to generally achieve a balanced representation of the viewpoints of the various stakeholders involved in national geospatial activities and the development of the NSDI. Selection of Committee members will include consideration of geographic balance. The Committee membership will include balanced representation from among, but not limited to, the following stakeholder groups involved in the geospatial community:
 - Federal government
 - State government
 - County government
 - Regional government
 - City/Municipal government
 - Tribal government
 - Private Sector
 - User Industries
 - Professional associations
 - Non-profit Organizations
 - Academia

The Secretary of the Interior will appoint Committee members to the Committee. Staggered terms will be used to promote continuity of Committee operations. Appointments will be for terms of three years. Committee members may not serve more than two consecutive terms. However, after a two year break in service, that member will again be eligible for appointment. To remain in active status, members are expected to participate in Committee meetings and activities. Members serve at the discretion of the Secretary.

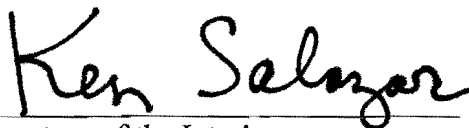
Any vacancies will be filled in the same manner in which initial appointments were made.

Members of the Committee serve without compensation. However, each appointed non-Federal member may be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses incurred while

attending Committee meetings in accordance with the Federal travel regulations as implemented by the Department of the Interior.

The Chair of the FGDC will appoint the Chair of the Committee.

13. **Ethics Responsibilities of Members:** No committee or subcommittee member may shall participate in any specific party matter including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department in which the member has a direct financial interest.
14. **Subcommittees:** Subject to the DFO's approval, the Committee may establish subgroups or subcommittees. Such groups may gather information, conduct research, analyze relevant issues and facts, and draft proposed position papers and/or recommendations for deliberation by the full Committee. Subgroups may not conduct business independent of the full Committee as their role is to provide information and recommendations for consideration by the full Committee.
15. **Recordkeeping:** The records of the Committee, formal and informal subcommittees, or other subgroups of the Committee shall be handled in accordance with General Record Schedule 26, Item 2, or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.



Secretary of the Interior

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